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that was 1972, it was 18 in the primary, 16 in the general. Since then we've occasionally done the primary election. If we have a number from the Constitutional Revision Commission of cleanups, you're going to want to try to spread those out a little bit. So what we did this morning was took a number of them and tried to allocate them to the maybe being less controversial, but try to allocate them to the primary election, so you didn't have a huge ballot in the general election. Because in the general election is generally where you're going to find most of, if there are petition drives, you remember last time we had a number of petition issues. If we could put some of these on the primary, it will be more clear for the voters. It will add...it will be less confusing. The other is that it will also give us some time to deal with those issues this year, get some of these out of the way, so next year we won't have a glut. And I think, Senator Withem, I'm going to yield a little bit of time, or I'm going to let him, I think he's got his light punched on, I'll let him do that. Right now I would ask the body to return this particular constitutional amendment to Select File, for the purposes of adding and giving us the option of voting on it to put it onto the primary election, which would be a special election in May of 1998. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Withem, there are about six minutes or so left of the opening.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, okay, he's yielding me part of his opening then?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yeah, he's yielding part of the opening.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, okay. Yeah, I don't have a lot to say, Senator Coordsen, members, other than to indicate, first of all, I think that this particular amendment is an important one to have on the primary election ballot, if we can. Secondly, we do need to deal with the volume of constitutional amendments that we have before us, we need to take advantage of the fact that it is possible to have some of them on the primary election, some of them on the general election ballot. As I scan, and thirdly, I wanted to make a reference to this particular amendment you will see a number of times being offered this morning to this bill, and that there are at least five that were in the package